



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly : 3/27 /2019 Start Time: (Commence): 7:01

Location: Miller Center Room Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:03

Note taker: Hannah Carpino Please forward these official minutes to: _____

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jeff Comstock, Chris Trombly, Ryon Fink, Jeff Clark, Matt, Hurlburt Eric Corbman,

Discussion Topics

- CDBG update
- DPW Crosswalk info

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Resolution passed to recommend increase in budget

Agenda Items and Actions:

Introductions and Announcements

-Open slots still available on Wards 4 & 7 Steering Committees, elections at April meeting

CDBG Advisory Board Representatives, James Loop and Alex Farrell

- HUD distributes funds (under \$500,000) through CDBG boards to different states
- Burlington gets its own CDBG board
- Advisory board members review applications with CEDO over course of 3-4 weeks
- 8 neighborhood reps, 4 mayoral appointees, 1 representative from state level
- The mayor has never overridden recommendations from the group

NPA Resolution to increase budget

- Budget is currently \$400/year, asking for \$2500/year for each ward in FY2020
- Money would go towards meeting improvements (technology), community dinners, or community projects
- Resolution passed unanimously**

Parks and Recreation- Gary Rogers

- Leddy Beach Bites: expanding this year to weekly instead of bi-weekly. Live music will be added
- History trips to different state historic sites for families and seniors
- Offering adult ballet for the first time in Miller Center
- Offering adult music classes (piano, ukulele, guitar) in ONE Community Center
- Increasing 50+ trips (history tours, vineyard tours). \$7 for transportation, bus pick ups around town
- Nature walks for seniors at Button Bay State Park, Robert Frost Trails, Raptor Center in Quechee
- Scholarships available for camps
- Children's camps: disc golf, adventure ropes course, ultimate frisbee, volleyball
- \$27,000 grant to expand summer meals program
 - Increasing from 5 to 6 sites around city
 - Summer meals for youth and seniors
- Financial assistance for parking passes
- Brochure available in North Avenue news, available in most public buildings around city
- Apr. 9th: Miller Center, 5:30-8 PM, planning strategy meeting for Leddy Park

Birchwood Terrace- Alicia Damario, Exec. Director

- Development expansion plans for the property
- 144 bed skilled nursing facility on corner of Starr Farm and North Ave
- 50 bed memory care unit, 55 bed long-term care unit, and 40 bed rehab unit
- In 2017, parking changes on nearby streets created traffic disruption, received notice of parking violation from city
- City had zoned property for 45 car spaces, but at peak hours, facility has about 90 cars
- For past few years, city has been working with Birchwood terrace to solve this
- City rezoned Birchwood as “senior facility”, which added 40% capacity (30 extra spaces)
- Facility has been given until Aug. 1 to plan for changes
- Ownership has changed over: new owners are planning a remodel in the future

DPW Crosswalk Update- Chapin Spencer

- 9 intersections identified through North Ave Corridor study, five of which were selected through public input and North Ave advisory committee
- The city obtained a federal grant through VT Agency of Transportation for \$220,000 for design and construction
- Timeline of project
 - March 2016: design consultant was selected
 - July 16- December 18: Public outreach, utility coordination, federal and state processes, permitting, environmental assessments, right of way planning, design and construction estimates
 - July 2017- City Council approves North Ave lane reconfiguration
 - Jan 2019- Feb 2019: advertised for construction bids, selected contractor and resident engineer
 - Apr 2019- Aug 2019: construction
- New crosswalk features: rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), ADA accessible sidewalk ramps, crossing facilities at bus stop locations, “bump out” on Ward St, painted centerline medians at intersections to narrow travel lanes, new street lights, re-striping existing crosswalks
- Traffic will be maintained, no significant disruptions except occasional lane or shoulder closures
- Pedestrian access maintained during construction

Elected officials Q+A Time, updates

Question: What can be done about homeless encampments in Leddy Park?

- Kurt Wright: Will be removed daily and enforced. Burlington Police are patrolling the area.
- Ali Dieng: Public Safety Committee, with police and Howard Center, have created a Homeless Encampment set of policies. Encampments are given a warning, police are sent to sites with social workers to help homeless people access other services.

Question: Is there an update on the principal searches?

- Public Forum at IAA from 6 PM- 8PM next Thursday, focused on hiring principals for IAA, Sustainability Academy, and other schools
- Flynn School has interim principal who did not apply for position. Search committee found 3 candidates. Superintendent wanted principal from Sustainability Academy, School Board voted it down.
- BHS search ended with one candidate, the current principal Noah Green. School board extended his interim position for another year.

Question: Where are increased costs on park improvement project coming from? (From 4.6 million to nearly 6 million)

-Kurt Wright: The park plan is very expensive, was expensive before plan changes. However, the park desperately needs updates and clean-up. Rise in costs had partly to do with delays during initial planning process. Plan was passed Monday night, with some changes.

Question: Will council support NPA resolution for funding increase?

-Kurt Wright: Huge supporter of NPA resolution, brought it forward previously.

Other announcements

Kurt Wright: It has been an amazing 8 years! Thank you for your continued support. Will continue to be active in the community.

Monica Ivancic: Almost 300 people showed up to Black History Month music performances last week. Lots of tabling by local organizations, food.

Franklin Paulino:

-Honored to have received support from Wards 4 & 7

-Welcoming event at April 5th from 5-7PM at Miller Center, announcements on Franklin Paulino Facebook page